

## **JUST THE BEST**

16.2h Dutch Stallion by Best of Luck (Dutch name Octrooi)

Leading Sire

Sallie B. Wheeler/USEF National Hunter Breeding Championship West 2006 and 2007

Thank you for your interest in breeding to Just The Best. He has proven that he is an excellent choice. The breeding fee for 2009 is \$2,000 including the booking fee, live foal guarantee and the first semen collection.

Just The Best is the continuation of some of the strongest bloodlines in the sport horse world. His heritage includes champions from Olympic Gold Medalists to International Hunter Futurity and International Jumper Futurity and every division of Hunters and Jumpers. The Lucky Boy bloodline is famous for exceptional dispositions, correct conformation and excellent gaits with big, flowing strides, superior jumping style and scope. Just The Best combines the calm, brave, generous disposition and power of his warmblood heritage with the elegant refinement and outstanding jumping ability of his double Nearco thoroughbred lineage.

When he was presented to the KWPN (Dutch Registry) officials at the Keuring, Just The Best was rated First Premium, First of First Premiums and Top Ten in all of North America. He is an official KWPN Dutch Hunter Foundation Sire. He is the first horse to earn this prestigious title. Your foal's registration possibilities will be determined by the status of your mare. Most of his foals have earned 1st Premiums at their KWPN Keurings and they are rated the top horses in North America in the Hunter Studbook.

Two-time Olympian Hilda Gurney called him "Elegant" with "Lovely Proportions" and a "Lovely over-step and good articulation of the joints" when she judged him Reserve Champion Stallion and Reserve Champion Mature Horse at the USDF Breeders' Championship Qualifying Show.

Just The Best was Regular Working Hunter Champion at the Del Mar Showpark Spring Show, Showpark Fall Show and the San Marcos Harvest Festival. He was Reserve Champion Green Conformation at the Pro-Am. He wins over fences and under saddle.

On the USEF and Performance Horse Registry (PHR) List of Leading Sires, Just The Best has been ranked second in the nation for Hunter Breeding. His foals are correct and elegant and are consistent champions on the line.

Just The Best is nominated to the International Hunter Futurity (IHF) and his foals have been extremely successful in the Futurity, winning on the line, over fences and under saddle and earning Championships in the Hunter Breeding divisions and the Performance divisions. You can nominate your foal to this exciting program.

He is also in the International Jumper Futurity so his foals are eligible for the IJF and its bonuses in the Young Jumper Championships, as well as the new International Dressage Futurity branch of the IJF. His foals have earned significant award money in these programs.

Just The Best has a Lifetime Breeding License with the Oldenburg North America/International Sporthorse Registry (OLD/ISR) which makes your foal eligible for registration upon inspection of your mare and foal. He is also approved by the Rheinland Pfalz-saar International registry (RPSI) and is in Stud Book I. You may choose either OLD/ISR or KWPN (Dutch) or RPSI registration for your foal.

Just The Best is also registered with the Performance Horse Registry (PHR). You can register your foal with PHR in addition to the Dutch or RPSI or OLD/ISR registration. They will record sport results and offer Silver Stirrup year-end awards. The PHR is also tied into the USEF database to track bloodlines and sport results making the information available to help breeders select the stallions that produce winners.

If you complete the Lifetime Recording with the USEF in the year that your foal is born the cost is only \$35. The cost is \$200 for a mature horse. The USEF membership allows you to participate in all of the recognized shows and the USEF will record the points and offer Horse of the Year Awards and Zone Awards.

Just The Best is a remarkable reproduction of his famous sire, Best Of Luck, who was sired by the legendary Lucky Boy, producer of Olympic Gold Medal winners and World Cup Finals champions. Best Of Luck has produced International Grand Prix Jumper Champions, FEI Dressage Champions, International 3-Day Event Champions and many Working and Conformation Hunter Champions. His foals have dominated the International Hunter Futurity on the west coast. His list of champions is too long to list in total. Among his champions is January's Best, who was Circuit Champion at Indio and Palm Beach, Green Working Hunter Champion at Devon and Reserve Grand Hunter Champion at Devon and Grand Hunter Champion at Harrisburg and Grand Green Champion Washington. The Best Of Luck son Stroke Of Luck was Green Conformation Champion at Devon, South Salem and Capitol Challenge and Grand Hunter Champion at Capitol Challenge. I think it was the only time that both the Green Working and Green Conformation Champions at Devon were from the same stallion. Lucky You, Lucky Karma, Happy Go Lucky, Helmsley... the list of hunter champions sired by Best Of Luck goes on and on.

Hap Hansen's colt Just By Luck was Reserve Champion at the West Coast Finals of the International Jumper Futurity. Surprise was Circuit Champion A/O Jumper on the Arizona Circuit before winning the Puissance at Monterey, several Open Jumper Championships and Grand Prix victories including the Los Angeles National \$50,000 World Cup Qualifier in which he beat several Olympic veterans. The list of champions is long and varied. Just The Best is *the premier* breeding son that continues this noble heritage.

The dam of Just The Best, Timely Persuasion, is registered with the Jockey Club and is a First Premium KWPN Accredited mare. She shows Nasrullah, Nearco, Grey Sovereign and Young Emperor in her pedigree. Grey Sovereign was also the grand sire of Silbersee who won the Grand Prix of Aachen. Silbersee was the sire of Katie Monahan Prudent's Silver Skates. Francie Steinwedell Carvin's Sylvia, the deceased South Pacific, and Caro, sire of Tashiling, Ping Pong and Denny Emerson's good stallion Loyal Pal all come from Grey Sovereign. Because she was first bred at age four and proved to be such a superior broodmare, Timely

Persuasion was not shown even though she possesses all the quality, talent and attitude to have been a champion in her own right.

This superior heritage has produced an exceptional athlete with an incredibly kind and willing temperament. Now, Just The Best continues the tradition of producing champions.

### **Some of Just The Best's Offspring and Their Accomplishments**

#### **Our Best Valentine**

- Champion 2-year-old IHF West Coast Regional and West Coast Finals
- Reserve Champion 4-year-old Jackpot, IHF West Coast
- Now showing with his amateur owner and winning over fences and under saddle.

#### **Just Plain Lucky**

- Champion Yearling, IHF West Coast Finals
- Reserve Champion Yearling, IHF West Coast Regional
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at his first dressage show, training level
- Silver Stirrup Region 3 Horse of the Year, Training and 1<sup>st</sup> Level dressage
- 1<sup>st</sup> under saddle at his first Hunter show. He is jumping beautifully and looking for a new owner who will show him in Hunter divisions.

#### **R. Best Yet**

- Reserve Champion Yearling, IHF, 1999
- Reserve Champion 2-year-old, IHF, 2000
- Sold to a young trainer and winning in the Young Hunter divisions

#### **Suggest The Best**

- AHSA Zone 7 Horse of the Year Hunter Breeding Yearling, 2000
- AHSA Zone 7 Horse of the Year Hunter Breeding 2-year-old, 2001

#### **R. Mowgli**

- 5<sup>th</sup> in Zone 2 Hunter Breeding with light showing
- 3<sup>rd</sup> non-Thoroughbred 3-year-old colts at Devon, 2001

#### **Pure Luck**

- Grand Champion 4-year-old, IHF West Coast
- 1<sup>st</sup> Conformation Hunter, 1<sup>st</sup> Working Hunter & 1<sup>st</sup> Under Saddle
- Modified Hunter Champion as a 5-year-old
- As a 6-year-old:
  - ◇ Children's Hunter Champion at Golden Gate Classic & Pebble Beach
  - ◇ Champion \$1,000 Children's Hunter Classic at Pebble Beach
  - ◇ Champion \$500 Children's Hunter Classic at Los Angeles International
  - ◇ Champion Trick or Treat Children's Hunter Classic
  - ◇ Winner of Onondarka Hunt Seat Medal at Menlo Charity Horse Show
- Winning in Adult Amateur divisions with his new owner

### **Only D. Best**

- Champion Children's Hunter as a 5-year-old with a beginner rider

### **The Best Of Times**

- AHSA Zone 10 Champion Hunter Breeding Yearling, 2001
- AHSA Reserve National Champion with less than 20 shows
- Silver Stirrup Zone 10 Hunter Breeding Champion Yearling
- PCHA Reserve Champion including all ages
- He has been sold to an amateur who love him but doesn't show

### **Touch Of Luck**

- OLD/ISR Premium Foal, 2000
- Champion Yearling Filly, IHF West, 2001
- Champion 2-year-old Filly, IHF West, 2002
- Best Young Horse at Showpark, 2002
- Sold to an amateur in 2003 and shown very lightly
- Zone 10 Reserve Champion Hunter Breeding 3-Year-old, 2003

### **So Just Royal**

- Winner non-Thoroughbred 2-year-old at Devon, 2001
- 5<sup>th</sup> Young Hunter Under Saddle at Devon, showing against 4- & 5-year-olds, 2002
- He is now winning in eventing with his amateur owner

### **The Best Man**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hunter Breeding Yearling at Devon, 2001

### **Time Will Tell**

- Best Young Horse, Kentucky National, 2001
- Name changed to Stella in 2002
- Champion 2-year-old Under Saddle, IHF 2002

### **U.R. The Best**

- OLD/ISR Premium Foal, 2001
- Sold and now lives in Nebraska

### **Uhlan**

- Winner Hunter Breeding Yearling Colts & Geldings, Northwest Sport Horse Breeders Classic, 2002
- Champion Hunter Breeding Colts & Geldings (all ages), Northwest Sport Horse Breeders Classic, 2002
- Reserve Best Young Horse, Northwest Sport Horse Breeders Classic, 2002
- Zone 9 Champion Hunter Breeding 2-year-old, 2003

### **Just The Best Luck**

- Reserve Grand Champion 4-year-old, IHF West
- Now showing successfully for his amateur owner, who has turned down offers 10 times more than what she paid for him!

### **Just In Time**

- Silver Stirrup National Hunter Breeding Champion (all ages), 2003
- Zone 10 Hunter Breeding Yearling Horse of the Year, 2003
- Silver Stirrup Zone 10 Yearling Hunter Breeding Champion, 2003
- PCHA Hunter Breeding Horse of the Year (all ages), 2004
- Zone 10 Horse of the Year Hunter Breeding Hunter Breeding 2-year-old, 2004
- Silver Stirrup National Reserve Champion (all ages), 2004
- USEF National Reserve Champion Hunter Breeding 2-year-old, 2004
- Champion Hunter Under Saddle, IHF, 2004
- Champion 2-year-old Filly, IHF, 2004
- Champion 3-year-old Filly, IHF, 2005
- KWPN-NA First Premium
- KWPN-NA Top Hunter Mare Movement in North America, 2006

### **Anncienne**

- OLD/ISR Premium Foal, 2003
- OLD/ISR Champion Filly, 2003
- Best Young Horse at The Oaks, 2004
- Zone 10 Reserve Champion Hunter Breeding Yearling, 2004
- Sold to an amateur who doesn't show

### **Surprise Party**

- Winner Virginia Horse Show Association Yearling Championship, 2003
- Winner Hunter Breeding 2-year-old at Middleburg, 2004
- Reserve Best Young Horse, Lexington Spring Encore, 2004
- Reserve Champion 2-year-old Filly, USA National Hunter Breeding Championship at Warrington, 2004
- Winner 3-year-old Fillies at Keswick, Virginia, 2005

### **Best Ever**

- OLD/ISR First Premium, 2004
- OLD/ISR Champion Foal, 2004
- Champion 3-year-old Colts & Geldings, IHF West, 2007
- Reserve Champion Conformation Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2007

### **Z. Best Promise**

- Reserve Champion 3-year-olds Colts & Geldings, IHF West, 2007

### **Zabest**

- Zone 10 Champion Hunter Breeding Yearling, 2005
- Champion Yearling Filly, IHF West, 2005
- Best Young Horse at Del Mar National, 2006
- Champion 2-year-old Filly, IHF West, 2006
- Zone 10 Champion Hunter Breeding 2-year-old, 2006
- KWPN-NA First Premium, 2006
- KWPN-NA Top Young Hunter in North America, 2006
- Best Young Horse at Del Mar National, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Showpark Ranch & Coast, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Showpark June Jamboree, 2007
- Best Young Horse at June Classic II, San Juan Capistrano, 2007
- Best Young Horse at June Classic III, San Juan Capistrano, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Red, White & Blue, San Juan Capistrano, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Showpark Summer Festival, 2007
- Champion 3-year-old Filly, IHF West, 2007
- Zone 10 Hunter Breeding 3-year-old Horse of the Year, 2007
- Reserve Grand Champion 4-year-old, IHF West, 2008
- Champion 4-year-old Under Saddle, IHF West, 2008
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conformation Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2008
- 4<sup>th</sup> Working Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2008

### **Just Sasha**

- Grand Champion 3-year-old, IHF West, 2007
- Champion Working Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2007
- Champion Hunter Under Saddle, IHF West, 2007
- Reserve Champion 3-year-old Fillies, IHF West, 2007
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Conformation Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2007
- Grand Champion 4-year-old, IHF West, 2008
- Champion Conformation Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2008
- Champion Working Hunter Over Fences, IHF West, 2008
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Hunter Under Saddle, IHF West, 2008

### **Sentimental**

- Winner non-Thoroughbred 2-year-old Fillies at Upperville, Virginia, 2007
- Winner non-Thoroughbred 2-year-old Fillies at Keswick, Virginia, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Lexington National, 2007
- Reserve Best Young Horse at Select Breeders Championship, 2007
- Winner, non-Thoroughbred 2-year-old Fillies at Warrenton, Virginia, 2007
- Winner 2-year-old Hunter Breeding at Maryland Horse & Pony
- Zone 3 Champion, 2-year-old Fillies, 2007
- Reserve Champion 2-year-old Fillies, IHF Finals in Lexington, KY, 2007

### **Just Like That**

- Reserve Champion 2-year-old Under Saddle, IHF West, 2007

### **Asteria**

- Best Young Horse at March Madness, Aiken, South Carolina, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Atlanta Spring Classic, Conyers, Georgia, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Venice Spring Concours, Venice, Florida, 2007
- Best Young Horse at Aiken Spring Classic Finale, Aiken, South Carolina
- Best Young Horse at Pine Mountain Summer, Hamilton, Georgia, 2007
- Champion 2-year-old Fillies, IHF Finals in Lexington, KY, 2007

### **All The Best**

- Best Young Horse, Sallie B. Wheeler/USEF National Hunter Breeding Championship West, 2006
- Champion Hunter Breeding Yearling Colts & Geldings, IHF, 2006
- Reserve Best Young Horse, IHF, 2006
- KWPN-NA First Premium, 2006
- KWPN-NA Top Two Young Hunter in North America, 2006

### **Best Of All**

- KWPN-NA First Premium, 2006
- Reserve Best Young Horse at Del Mar National, 2007
- Reserve Champion Yearling Colts & Geldings, IHF West, 2007
- Reserve Champion 2-year-old Colts & Geldings, IHF West, 2008
- Reserve Champion 2-year-old Colts & Geldings, Sallie B. Wheeler/USEF National Hunter Breeding Championship, 2008

There are many more champions and many are champions over fences. As the horses mature and are sold and change names it is more and more difficult to keep track of their results. We really appreciate it when owners keep us up to date on the accomplishments of horses sired by Just The Best.

The foals of Just The Best really are spectacular. Most of his foals are dark brown or bay with a star (like Just The Best and Best of Luck) and some have long white socks and big blazes. They all have beautiful heads, correct conformation, especially big powerful rear-ends and very long deep sloping shoulders and, of course, great dispositions. He is throwing foals that are a little bigger than Best of Luck produced out of the same mares. They all have big fluid strides and are very well balanced and athletic. They are all delightful to handle and train. We are getting great reports about fabulous foals all over the country. We would love to produce one for you.

We welcome mares for breeding and foaling. We take the best care of the mares and coordinate all breeding activities. Mares are teased every morning with a stallion. The breeding vet is on the farm daily and any special treatments required for your mare can be done on the farm. Mares live in extra big stalls and spend the day out on the grass. Of course, we also ship semen using Hamilton Equitainers.

The breeding farm is EVA free and Just The Best is tested negative for EVA and is vaccinated annually. He is cultured and tested annually and has no communicable diseases.

If you are in our area or planning a visit, I invite you to visit the farm and see some of our fabulous foals and young horses and, most of all, to get to know Just The Best. We'd love to welcome you into our family.

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